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GARAGE DOOR OPERATOR SAFETY APPARATUS

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

10 A garage door opening and closing apparatus
having improved operational safety is disclosed. The
apparatus includes a control circuit which responds to a
number of input stimuli to generate commands to open and
close a garage door as well as to stop garage door
movement. Three relays respond to the commands via drive
circuitry to actually connect door operating voltages to
the windings of a door controlling motor. By
15 redundancies in the operation of the three relays, faults
in the operation of those relays result in safe door
operating conditions. Additionally, the control
circuitry upon issuing a door stop command, performs a
20 test to determine whether or not the door is still
moving. If the door is still moving, door up commands
are generated by the control circuitry to place the door
in a safe position.

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